

Merrimack Parks & Recreation Special Meeting Minutes

Wasserman Park Director's Office

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 4:00 pm

The Meeting began at Wasserman Park at the *south side of the non-resident parking* lot to view and walk the newly proposed alternate site for the Dog Park.

Attendees:

Tom Thornton	Chris Christensen	Laura Jaynes	Jackie Flood
Lynne Wenz	Holly Lewis	Shannon Barnes	Phil Straight

Dog Park Sub-Committee Members in attendance:

Gary Watson	Barbara Watson	Elaine Bloom	Deana Lavoie
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Official Business meeting began in the Director's office at 4:42 pm.

Deana and Elaine left at this time. Chris Christensen arrived.

New Business:

1. The October minutes were accepted as written.
2. Director's Report: Tom presented the Director's report as Sherry was not present:
 - a) The P & R Office is moved to Town Hall for the winter.
 - b) Skateboard Park - is closed for the season.
 - c) Halloween Event- Oct. 26 was a great success. Thanks to those who helped. The weather was great. Estimated that at least 500 people attended.
 - d) Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade- Dec. 2nd - Chris Woods of Advantage Insurance will let us use his trailer for the Committee float again this year. He will pull the trailer with his truck. The parade begins at 3:00 pm. Committee members decided to meet at 1:00 pm to help set up and decorate.
 - e) Budget - has been submitted and is currently being reviewed by the Town Manager.
 - f) Sherry and Tom Thornton will be going back to the Town Council on Dec. 6th with P & R Committee's recommendation on the new Dog Park site. The actual perimeter can be configured to fit the terrain once it is determined to be the best location.

Old Business:

1. Some Park Reviews are still needed. Please send them to Lorraine.
2. Watson Park:
 - a. Pavilion- base should be done this fall, with further work/completion done in April/May depending on weather.
 - b. New Dog Park Site: further discussion included that there should be 2 lights installed in that area of the parking lot which will help the Dog Park. Lynne had further questions about the fencing.

At this time, the Committee unanimously voted to recommend this site for the Dog Park. 8-0-0

Updates from the following:

- a. Senior Citizen's Club: tabled. No rep.
- b. MYA - tabled. No rep.
- c. Town Council: No report. Jackie Flood was still outside.
- d. School Board rep.: Shannon had nothing to report at this time.
- e. High School- Holly Lewis restated that she thought the Wasserman Park site would work well for the Dog Park.

Comments from the Committee: Lynne Wenz addressed statements made by Jackie Flood at the Oct. meeting. After some discussion, Tom Thornton summarized that all communication is going well now and that we are working for the same goal. He thanked the Dog Park subcommittee for all of their work and looks forward to all of us working for the same cause. The full Committee and the P&R Office will continue with management aspects. The Dog Park subcommittee will continue with fundraising.

Comments from the Public: None

The next meeting of the P & R Committee will be held on January 16, 2013.

As always, this is an open meeting and the public is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Jaynes

*At the Christmas Parade, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, it was decided that there would be **NO** December meeting. Happy Holidays....see you next year.